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Dear Sirs:

The proposed Microsoft settlement is unacceptable. It does nothing to protect consumers from the continuing monopolistic behavior by Microsoft. It does nothing to remedy the damages that Microsoft has already done to competitors, which in turn has and is hurting consumers.

At the very least finical penalties in the area of 20 Billion Dollars should be levied against Microsoft. This would send a clear message to Microsoft, that they broke the law and that continuing to do so will be even more expensive. Also a finical penalty of this size would disrupt Microsoft enough to allow other companies to have a fighting chance against Microsoft and regain their footing in the industry that Microsoft illegal took from them.

In closing, I do not see how this settlement has done anything what so ever to punish Microsoft. In fact it appears to send the opposite message. "Go ahead break the law, the worst that will happen is; you will spend Millions of dollars on legal fees. However while the case drags through the courts you will be making Billions of dollars and furthering your monopoly."

Thank you for your time:

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